

Art Unit: 1794

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ashley Pezzner on October 21, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, the term "cold-sealable" was inserted on line 1 before "multilayered".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art Murschall et al teaches a multilayer film comprising a polypropylene core layer and a top layer comprising polyolefins and a high-viscosity polydiorganosiloxane such as polydialkylsiloxanes having a viscosity greater than about 50,000mm²/s, wherein the core and or top layer(s) may further comprise various additives including hydrocarbon resins. However, as argued by the Applicant, Murschall et al do not teach or render obvious that the film further comprises a cold seal adhesive coating on the outer surface, which would result in the film being cold-sealable. Additionally, the X references recited in the International Search Report, EP 0 645 426 A (Peiffer et al) also fails to teach or render obvious the instantly claimed invention, particularly the cold-seal adhesive coating on the top layer comprising the high viscosity polydialkylsiloxane.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

Art Unit: 1794

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Callie Shosho can be reached on 571-272-1123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Monique R Jackson/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794
October 26, 2009